THE NATHAN MURDER.

Weaving a Web Around Somebody.

Mrs. Irving, the Wife of the California "Confessor," Found - A Midnight Interview with the Beteetives and She Promises to Aid Them.

Some Startling Facts for the Detectives.

A Living Witness of the Conspiracy Seen by the Herald Reporter-He Testified to Mr. Jourdan That Irving, Kelly and Gunning Arranged the Job in His Presence: That . Irving Showed H m Nine \$1,000 Bonds the Morning of the Murder and Admitted His Participation in It.

WHERE THE DOG CAME FROM

The publication in the BERALD within the past few days of certain facts as to the Nathan murder, nnection with the confession of John T. Irving in San Francisco, has set Superintendent Matsell to thinking more of the case than of the political campaign this fail, and it is safe to say that he now p'aces more reliance in the utterances of the supposed "California beat" than he did when this thief and burglar first offered to "give his friends away" for the purpose of getting a free pardon for crimes committed in this city and in Brooklyn. Mr. Matsell, while professing to discard the statements of Irving, has had his detectives at work, and since the publication of the "confession" inthe Herald they have redoubled their efforts and are working now on the theories that Jourdan left unfinished long, long ago. At two o'clock Sunday

morning the wife of the "confessor," and later in the morning he had an interview with her. Mrs. Irving, whose residence is in the Fourteenth ward, had read in the HERALD that she was wanted, and to the Captain made a statement of all she knows of the case. The memorandum book may have been given to him, but if so the detectives keep that fact carefully guarded, and in answer to the inquiries of the representatives of the press declare that "there is nothing new." On Friday, after the first publication in the HERALD, Mr. Matsell put down his foot and exclaimed to Captain Kennedy,

"DON'T OPEN YOUR MOUTH TO REPORTERS," a hint that the Captain has evidently acted upon for the reason that he tells all who call that he knows nothing. Nevertheless Mr. Kennedy cannot deny that between two and three o'clock Sunday

CLOSETED WITH THE WIFE OF THE CALIFORNIA and that he spent the entire night in searching for information she gave him. A representative of the HERALD has ascertained that Mrs. Irving, who has slways been a respectable, hard working woman, and has not participated in the evil deeds of her husband, is now working in

A DOWNTOWN FACTORY, supporting herself and children, and she is afraid that the notoriety now given to the case will result in her discharge by her employer if her workshop is discovered, and she is besieged by members of the press for interviews.

While the police authorities may ridicule Irving and his confessions, a part of which are lies of the most palpable kind, they discover that the state-

THE MEMORANDUM BOOK AND ITS CONTENTS are true in every particular, and they are satisfied that he knows more than he has vet told. The writer, who knew much of the movements of Superintendent Jourdan and his theories in the case, has personal knowledge that

THERE IS A LIVING WITNESS to very important testimony sustaining a part of Irving's confession. These statements have been reduced to writing, and, while the publication of all of them would defeat the detectives, who possibly have the same testimony, a few of them may re given. This witness can be found at

all of them would defeat the detectives, who possibly have the same testimony, a lew of them may be here given. This witness can be found at any time and will go on the stand and substantiate them. He is not a thief, although he has associated more or less with this class of the community, and it was upon his testimony and that of another that foundance in the least was upon his testimony and that of another that foundance in the least was a fixed to terminate Mr. Nathan's existence, that it failed, and that not many hours before Mr. Nathan's existence, that it failed, and that not many hours before Mr. Nathan's existence, that it failed, and that not many hours before Mr. Nathan's existence, that it failed, and that not many hours before Mr. Nathan's existence, that it failed, and that not many hours before Mr. Nathan's existence, that it failed, and that not many hours before Mr. Nathan's existence, that it failed, and that not many hours before the was bound to make enough to retire, and he had no fear of being convicted it caught, for he "HAD INFLUENCE BEHIND HIM."

The morning after the murder Irving met certain persons in a downtown ward, and, exhibiting to the witness mine \$1,000 bonds, remarked that that was his "stake" in last night's job; he handed the bonds to a woman, remarking that he was sorry "Dan (referring to Kelly) had struck the old covey's so hard." He conversed regarding the Nathan murder, declared that they did not intend to kill him, and finally left the bonds in the woman's custody and disappeared for the day. While they were for

SIX DAYS IN THE CUSTODY OF THIS WOMAN the informant of Superintendent Jourdan counted them, and failed to the animately described to the late Superintendent. After the papers had described the murder and the circumstances connected therewith Irving and his accomplices met in the upper room of a house in Park Street and there burned all the bonds and part to the discover the number of the house. They are supposed to be still there, and detectives are now trying

another question, "Has this very important evidence, given years ago, died with the late great detective?"

In conversation with a Herald reporter a very old and esteemed captain of police, of no detective ability, however, expressed himself very strongly regarding Superintendent Jourdan, and stated that he (Jourdan) had "covered" (to use a poince term that means "protected") Irving in many of his operations before and subsequent to the murder. This is true as far as it goes. Jourdan did "cover" him, but never lost sight of him, had his SPIES TRACKING IRVING day and night, and when Irving participated in other robbertes he was closely followed and watched, hoping that eventually the crime would be brought home to him. It is believed that Jourdan was quietly weaving a web around one of the most daring burglars that ever, with the connivance of a bank official, bored holes into a bank president's room, from above and below, shot a police officer, robbed an emigrant on the Battery or picked a pocket in his younger days. Had Jourdan lived longer probably Mr. Matsell would never have had an opportunity to assist in running the murderer of Benjamin Nathan to his hole as he may have now. On Sunday a number of persons were put under police surveillance, including the lady in whose company one of the family was on the night of the murder.

It has recently been discovered that Irving was one of the cracksmen who robbed the Ocean Bank, corner of Fulton and Greenwich streets, a few years ago, and it was owing to the terror that he had of Jourdan that induced him to leave a large amount of the unconvertible bonds in a trunk in front of No. 7 Elizabeth street, addressed to Jourdan. Irving was so bold in his operations that he made ascending the large.

Jourdan that induced him to leave a link in front of of the unconvertible bonds in a trunk in front of No. 7 Elizabeth street, addressed to Jourdan. Irving was so bold in his operations that he made a second trip to the bank and carried off a large amount of gold coin. Why he was never arrested

by Jourdan for this crime is a mystery, and some believe that it was because the Superintendent had not sufficient evidence. It is notorious that the chief accomplices of irving in nearly all of his jobs were Daniel Relly, Caleb Gunning, and Billy Forrester, who was about a year ago brought from New Orleans upon his "confession" of participa-

jobs were Daniel Kelly, Caieb Gunning, and Billy Porrester, who was about a year ago brought from New Orleans upon his "confession" of participation in the murder.

It is not known whether Mr. Matsell-intends to send for Irving, but it is certain that he now leels satisfied that he has knowledge of importance. It is safe to say that Mr. Matsell is not aware of the information given by the man who counted the bonds to Mr. Jourdan, and doubtless when he reads the above and verifies them by sending for the man he will be still more anxious to sift irving's statements to the bottom.

Caleb Gunning, one of the men accused of the Nathan murder, is a man well known to the police, and they have had to look after him from time to time since boyhood. He is the genus who, on the night of the 6th of February, 1871, entered Dr. Burtseil's in Twenty-first street, by making his way through the basement of the Church of the Epiphany. He was detected, however, caught and brought to trial, and for the little job he was sentenced to two years' and six months' hard labor in the State Prison. He served his time out, and, after returning to the city, kept very quiet for a while. After Gunning, however, could not keep from exercising his peculiar genius when a good opportunity for the display of it presented, and so a short time ago he was rewarded by being sentenced to six months on Blackwell's Island for stealing a package of papers from a lady in a First or Second avenue car. He tried hard to make good his escape by taking to his heels, but the police admit him to be one of the worst men in the city of New York. Kelly is now in Auburn State Prison, having been transferred there from sing Sing in April last. A representative of the Heralb yesterday went to Sing Sing to see Kelly, but found that he had been removed to Auburn, as stated.

Irving's Confession Analyzed. The "confession" of Irving, published in the HERALD, carefully "boiled down," shows that he iles in some points and in others gives facts that are true in every particular, and which could not be ascertained unless he had participated in the murder, or read the memorandum book that importance to. A few of Irving's maccuracies that he may have thrown in to deceive the detectives

are the following:—

First—He lies as to the residence of his wife at No. 100 East Thirtieth street. She has lived for some time in the Fourteenth ward, and her residence is known to reporters of the Herraton. Second—He says that one of his "pais" hid under Nathan's bed. Mr. Nathau slept upon mattresses on the floor, and Caleb Gunning could hardly get under the bed without awaking the old gentleman. Third—He claims to have made \$60,000 by trading at Forest Hill, Cal. A paipable he, as his career in New York will show.

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Fourth—His story of the place from which the "dog" was obtained is true. It was in Park street, a few dcors from the house where, the following day, he showed the nine bonds; but detectives now helpes that the "dog" was never pand in the day, he showed the nine bonds; but detectives now believe that the "dog" was never used in the murder, but was covered with blood after the murder and left as a "stail," to use a police term.

Fifth—He says that Dan Kelly and Caleb Gunning were his chief accomplices. This contribution of the complices of the contribution of the complices. This contribution is the contribution of the

Statement Made by a Thief to Captain Irving While in a Jersey Prison-Curious Revelations.

At a time when every circumstance connected with that mysterious and tragical event, the murder of Mr. Nathan, is being revived in the minds of the public, the following statement made to Cap-tain Irving, of the detective force, and Detec-William H. Moore, cannot fail to be interesting. It was made by a man named Tracy, who was confined in prison in Trenton, N. J., and who at the moment of the confession wanted but sixteen days of the hour of his liberation from custody. The revelations contained in this paper were en tirely unsolicited and taken down at the request of Tracy, who sent word to Captain Irving of the matter he wanted to talk about. The police have had this paper in their possession since September, 1872, and only produce it now because it bears curiously upon theories started then and long

curiously upon theories started then and long believed in, which have not been quite forsaken yet. When the detectives arrived at the Trenton Prison Tracy was brought out to the reception room, where, in presence of the Warden and some other officials, he made the following STATEMENT.

I am nineteen. I was arrested by Officer Flynn, of the Third precinct of New York, for grand larceny, committed in Hudson county, New Jersey, I was sentenced to eighteen months. My time will expire in about sixteen days. I am acquainted with men about Houston street. About hali-past seven or eight o'clock on the night of the murder of Mr. Nathan—I think it was about the 28th or 29th of July—I was in a Third avenue car, going towards the City Hall. A few blocks above Houston street a tall man got in the car and took a seat beside me. He wore a light-colored spring overcoat. He paid his fare, and put his pocketbook in his left pocket of his pantaloons. I went through him. I took his pocketbook and got off the car, and went through Houston street, towards Broadway. When

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thirty-two; six feet high, slim; large, expressive eyes, between a blue and a black or a hazel; thin face; large, thick mustache, brown; dark brown hair, very thick; a tooth out of the upper front. Jerry:—Age, about twenty-five; five feet seven inches; stout, good color, black mustache and wontee. goatee.

Tracy has since been living in New York, and the police can at any moment lay hands upon him.

Irving's Counsel Denies His Story.

SEPTEMBER 8, 1873. TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:-I was counsel for Irving at the time he was discharged on habeas corpus, I defended Forrester on his examination before Justice Dowling when he was charged with the perpetration of this horrid crime, and I brought George Ellis down from Sing Sing on writ of habeas corpus. Without divulging munications made to me in my profes communications made to me in my professional capacity, I deem it my duty, in justice to Mr. Washington Nathan (who has been, as I know, most cruelly and falsely assailed by Irving's falsehoods), to state that the "dog" was obtained from a place called "Nonda," and was never seen by Irving, and that the whole of Irving's story is wickedly alse, as the late Superintendent of Police, James J. Kelso; Judge Dowling, Philip Farley, detective officer, and George Ellis, now in Sing Sing State Prison, can testify; and I have no hesitation in declaring, from facts within my know-ledge, imparted to me by clients, that Irving was no participator in the crime, and that kis story concerning it is a fabrication, which, when sitted, has not even ingenuity to commend it. Yours very respectfully,

SHIPWRECK AND LOSS OF LIFE.

Two Whalers Lost in Hudson's Bay-Fourteen Sailors Victims to Scurvy.

New Bedford, Mass., Sept. 8, 1873. The schooner Abbie Bradford, at this port from Hudson's Bay, reports the loss of two New Bedford whalers, and brings a portion of the crew of one of The particulars are as follows:-On the 14th of September, 1872, the bark Orray Tait, at anchor near Marble Island, Rudson's Bay, parted her cable and went ashore, landing high and dry in such a position that she could not be got off. On the 19th of October following the bark Ansel Gibbs went ashore at the same place, went to pieces, and is a total wreck. The Orray Taft had no oil, but the Ansel Gibbs had 550 barrels of whale oil and 1,100 pounds of bone, most of which was lost. A small amount was saved by the Abbie Bradford. No men were lost at the time of the wrecks, but both crews were obliged to live on the island until the 2d of August last, and from exposure and the lack of proper lood were attacked by scurvy. The winter was iearfully cold, being the most severe for a number of years, so that the natives of the island died by scores, and the wrecked crews suitered exceedingly. Ten of the crew of the Ansel Gibbs and four of the crew of the Orray Tatt died. Their names and residences are as follows:—Of the Ansel Gibbs, Charles Stiles, of North Adams, Mass.; George Hadley, of Portsmouth, N. H.; Murry D. McConnell, of Jacksonville, Ill.; Emil Bender and Charles Sisnor, of Germany, and five Portuguese. Of the Orray Tatt, James Marshall, of Montreal; James Garity, of Natick, Mass.; Frank Coleman, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and John A. Graham, of Liverpool, England.

The second mate of the Abbie Bradford, Henry B. Martin, of Springfield, died of scurvy on the 28th of June. The crew of the Orray Taft and three of the crew of the Ansel Gibbs will come home in another vessel. 1,100 pounds of bone, most of which was lost. A

OVERBOARD!

Alarming Scrimmage in the Water at Pier 41 North River.

A enrious scene was enacted last evening at six o'clock, when the steamboat St. John moved away from pier 41 on her trip for Albany. It appears that two brothers, named Daniel D. and Charles J. Mahanny, who had been delayed on the boat prior to her departure, partaking of one of those well drinks," which are so succulent to a parched palate, were warned by the whistle that it was time to drop the straw and hasten landward. Leaving the bar they hurried to the deck and attempted to regain the pier, but the plank was non erat, and in their precipitation they jumped over-board, proving emphatically and incontestibly that the "farewell drinks" were of the purest fusil oil. The better half of one of the parties stood upon the pier, and thought it necessary, on beholding her husband's natatorial ex-ploits in the North River, to set up one of those characteristic female howls which spread terror in the hearts of all passers-by. A large crowd, at-tracted by the noise and war whoop practising, rushed to the side of the boat and, of course, in the rushed to the side of the boat and, of course, in the kindness of their hearts, began to laugh. That laugh was short and ended in a groan, for the rail-ing and gate suddenly gave way, and quite a num-ber of the pleasure seekers dove gracefully into the Hudson, making day hideous with their scream-

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Captain Leary, with officers Hay. King, Donohue and irving, aided by boatmen, flew to the rescue, and the following persons—Charles L. Cieveland, of Utica; Julius Rodenalzt, Charles H. Richardson, Daniel and Charles J. Mahanny, Henry La Moor and an Italian harpist named Assetini Igampi, living at 144 Baxter street, were saved from a watery grave.

The latter exile from Naples—a mere boy—was sent home, where he will probably be severely thrashed for the bath he doubtless needed, The other free swimmers changed their clothing at the

AROUND THE CITY HALL.

Life Again Appearing in Municipal Pre-Office Seekers En Masse_The Chamberlain's Statement.

The vacation of the Board of Aldermen still continues, though there is a decided prospect of a meeting on Thursday next. Since the vacation the Hali has not been so lively as it was yesterday. The trouble in the Board of Assistant Aldermen was, no doubt, to a great extent, responsible to the crowded passage ways and general air of busi the crowded passage ways and general air of business and excitement. Many were of the usual class of hungry office seekers, like the immortal Micawber, always waiting for something to "turn up." Some of these may possibly be satisfied by the changes which must take place in the personnel of the attaches of the office of the Clerk of the Board; but, no doubt, by far the greater number of aspirants will be disappointed.

The Mayor was in the greater portion of the day, and transacted business as usual. He also received some visitors.

The City Chamberlain Issued his usual weekly circular, by which it appears that the balance in

circular, by which it appears that the balance in the treasury August 30 was \$2,103,348; receipts during week, \$680,428; payments, \$913,426; amount on hand september 6, \$1,870,351.

THE ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.

Meeting Yesterday Afternoon-Chief Clerk Moloney Discharged-Causes of the Removal-Excitement Around the Board Room.

The Board of Assistant Aldermen met at the City Hall yesterday afternoon. The President occupied the chair. There was a great deal of excitement in and around the chamber, as the general expectation was that a decided move was to be made to dis-pense with the services of the Chief Clerk of the oard. This was mainly the reason why the chamber was so densely crowded, not only during the session but some time before. The public sen timent ran high on the subject. "What are they going to do with Billy?" asked one of the unwashed of another. "I guess they've fixed it so that they'll bounce him," was the reply; and this, certainly, seemed to be the prevailing opinion. As each Assistant Alderman filed into his seat he was the proper hour the President rapped his gavel and called the Board to order.

Assistant Alderman Folky made a motion that the Comptroller be requested to pay the employes of the Board their salary for the month of August.

The motion was adopted.

It was then stated that Comptroller Green had reused to pay the clerks appointed by Chief Clerk Moloney.

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Assistant Alderman Simonson then made a motion that the Chief Clerk of the Board, W. H. Motoney, be requested to resign, and that Constantine Donohue be appointed in his place.

When this motion was made there was great stir in the room, particularly among the outsiders, who began to taik aloud, without any reference to the proceedings. The members themselves commenced a wordy discussion, which was only silenced after some time by the persistent rapping of the Chairman's gavel. Then the noise only subsided gradually. A deep silence succeeded.

Assistant Alderman Clancy rose to oppose the motion. In the few words he said he took time to state that the motion was made because three of the democrats in the Board had gone over to the republicans, and were now willing to stick by them.

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Assistant Alderman Strack said that in a matter like this he did not care for party affiliations. He was there to light for the people, and he was perfectly open to acknowledge this.

After some further discussion on the matter a vote was called for and taken. The motion to remove Mr. Moloney and put Mr. Donolue in his place was carried by a vote of it to 10.

Those who voted to remove Mr. Moloney are Assistant Aldermen Murphy, Wisser, Thornell, Coadington, Strack, Kreps, Wade, Kehoe, Simonson, Linden and Beyea—il.

NAYS—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Healey, Theiss, Keenan, Brucks, Kelly, Cumisky and Sommers—10.

It will be seen that Mr. Murphy, who is a democrat, voted with the republicans.

A resolution was then adopted fixing the salary of Mr. Donohue at \$3,000, and providing for the appointment of seven assistant clerks, a doorkeeper and two messengers. The Board then adjourned.

The reason of this summary treatment of Mr. Moloney is said to be that Assistant Aldermen Codington and Beyea both had sons clerks under Mr. Moloney. This gentleman reduced the salaries all round to the extent of \$1,900, and then appointed an extra clerk at \$1,000 and a messenger at \$900. The two Assistant Aldermen went to Comptrolier Green and complained about the matter, and then Mr. Moloney discharged the two sons of the Assistant Aldermen. The upshot was that Mr. Moloney's services were dispensed with.

BOARD OF APPORTIONMENT.

issue of bridge bonds and also county bonds and to make an appropriation for the maintenance of the public boulevards.

At the public meeting the Secretary read a reso lution authorizing the issue of \$150,000 worth of New York and Brooklyn Bridge bonds. Upon the law relating to the subject being read the Comptroller moved that the resolution be adopted. When the vote was about to be taken the Comptroller stated that all the private stock of the company had been taken and subscribed for excepting that which was owned by W. M. Tweed, Peter B. Sweeny and Richard B. Connoily. Mr. Wheeler said he was quite satisfied as to the law upon that subject, and, upon vote, the resolution was adopted.

The Board then passed a resolution authorizing the issue of \$50,000 of county bonds, with which to pay up judgments.

During the meeting the president and the secretary of the Bridge Company were present. It appears that at present the liabilities of the Bridge Company are \$685,000, including a mortgage on the ground north of the New York pier of \$50,000. On this property \$150,000 has already been paid, and the mortgage is held in the Bowery Savings Bank. The city of Brooklyn owes the company \$400,000, and the city of New York \$300,000. Yesterday's appropriation reduces this debt to \$150,000. Upon the stock owned by Messrs. Tweed, Sweeny and Connoily only eighty per cent has been paid. The remaining twenty per cent is still due. New York and Brooklyn Bridge bonds. Upon the law

COMPTROLLER'S RECEIPTS

Comptroller Green reports the following amounts paid vesterday into the city treasury, viz.:--From Receiver of Taxes—Collection of arrears of persona taxes and interest, \$2,516. From Bureau of Collection tion of Assessments-Assessments for street open tion of Assessments—Assessments for street openings and improvements and interest, \$8,72. From Bureau of Otry Revenue—Marketrents and fees and house rent, \$1,114. From Bureau of Arrears—Arrears of taxes, assessments, water reuts and interest, \$4,277. From Department of Public Charities and Correction—Board of immates, fines and sundry receipts appertaining to the Department of Public Charities and Correction, \$2,237. From Bureau of Water Regulation—Croton water rents and penalies, \$947. From Mayor's second Marshal—Licenses, \$11: fees from Eighth Judicial District Court, \$29; saic of the City Record, \$11. Total, \$19,933.

ARREST OF AN ALLEGED SWINDLER. EASTPORT, Me., Sept. 8, 1873.

The Deputy Marshal from Portland arrived here n the steamer on Saturday and arrested Pro fessor Eisman on a charge of swindling. The lett by the steamer for Portland to-day. Jessor Eisman is said to be connected with "Vienna Opera Troupe." ARRESTED, DISCHARGED AND REARRESTED.

Dangerous Assault.

Dr. Place yesterday appeared before Coroner Keenan and made an affidavit, in which he set forth that he is attending Peter Dolan, a lad eight years of age and living at No. 78 Sheriff sttreet, in years of age and hving at No. is Sherin street, in a dangerous condition. It is stated that on the 4th inst. Peter was thrown from a cart by Jacob Slatner, the latter of whom, it is alieged, then immped upon and terribly injured him. For this assault Slatner was arrested, and subsequently discharged by Justice Shanoley. On the deposition of Dr. Flace Coroner Keenan ordered the rearrest of Slatner to await the result of the boy's inju-

CARD FROM JAMES P. OUIN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD :-I see you mention the name of Quin in reference to the case of Williamson the forger. I happen to know Colonel James Potter, who introduced my self and others to him about two months ago. know, also, Mr. French, of Palisade Insuran company, whose name has been mentioned in the Herald respecting Williamson; but I know nothing derogatory of him. I nave not speken to or seen Williamson above half a dozen times in my life. I know nothing of his character or antecedents. I have known Potter for twelve or fifteen years. I believe he is not as bad as represented by the press. Respectfully, &c., JAMES F. QUIN.

STOP THAT BALLOON.

The Voice of "Humanity" Pleading.

THE DOOM OF PROFESSOR WISE.

A Cheap Attempt at a Great Object.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:-Wednesday evening, as I notice by advertisement

in your paper, a monster balloon will ascend from the Capitoline Grounds, Brooklyn, on an aerial voyage to Europe. It is to be supposed this venturb has been cautiously and carefully considered, and that it is no mere flash sepsation, such as is introduced into the amusing devices of a Fourth of July celebration or into the extra attractions of a travelling circus. I have heard it loudly proclaimed that this enterprise is directed mainly in the interest of science, that it is a voyage of discovery from which it is sanguinely predicted, we shall learn by actual demonstrations the existence at a certain altitude above the earth of an atmospheric current, setting steadily towards the east and encircling the entire globe. This fact realized, it is argued, that a new superior order of locomotion will be established, and that any point of the earth's surface can be reached by following the encircling current forever eastward. It is not my purpose to dispute the existence of this easterly current. All the data we have to guide us concerning the movements of the upper currents of air are, to say the least, only ausible. What I desire to call your attention to is the means by which this grand "scientific" triumph is to be achieved, and by which it is to be demonstrated that aerial communication between the Old and New Worlds is safe and feasible. Professor Wise has made the project of a voyage

to Europe by bailoon, and through the aid of this

much talked of easterly current, the dream of his

existence. The results accomplished by the daring discoverers of the past, who, despite the ridiculand incredulity of the times in which they lived held on to their purpose and won victory in the end, warns us not to treat this enterprise with laughing indifference. We live in an age of start. sensations, and the poet's dream of "the nation's airy navies grappling in the central blue" may yet prove to be no mere chimera of the brain. Aerial communication between the continents is likely to be the next grand achievement of human science. Now what is the prospect that this undertaking of Professor Wise's will solve the problem? At the utmost, we ought to expect no more success than that of his finding the easterly current of which he is so sanguine. We cannot in a first experiment hope that he will And exactly where he might desire. Should he land anywhere beyond the Atlantic he would still have won a notable triumph. Is the means for this voyage adequate to its aim and to its responsibilities? Is Professor Wise, when he ascends next Wednesday evening, going, with open eyes and consciousness, to certain death ? or is he to fee within himself an assurance that all which human foresight could devise has been done to render his perilous project within the limits of possible safety and realization? Is this, in other words, to be nothing more than an affair beginning in noisy and mercenary sensation and ending in a sorrowful tragedy? I have my misgivings. To-day, in the Capitoline grounds of Brooklyn I saw the great floundering bag which is so shortly to bear away among the clouds a freight of human lives. It was partly filled with air, and a couple of men were examining the inflated surface to detect flaws or holes in the canvas through which the gas might be apt to escape. As I was looking on, one of these inspectors was engaged darning a small fissure, and as seemed to alight upon it casually, it is ossible he might discover another of a like character in the course of his examination. One such should be sufficient to cause serious and not unreasonable alarm. On nearer approach I found that the material of this balloon was composed of anbleached cotton muslin, and that it had beeu varnished with linseed oil tried with ben-zine. Several coats of this varnish had evidently been applied, and the weight consistency of the material resembled canvas. Cotton absorbs oil like a sponge and unlike slik needs to be excessively varnished before becoming impervious to the escape of gas. I am fairly of silk. Consequently you lose three-fourths of the ascensive power that one made of silk would possess. I find ourther that carburetted hydrogen gas the common gas of the streets, will be used for inflation in place of pure hydrogen. You have here then an unnecessary and excessive weight in the ma terial of the balloon itself, and you have next the minimum of ascensive power for its inflation Cotton saturated and dried in oil oftentimes leads under certain atmospheric conditions, to spon taneous combustion, which is a common source of fires. Will this balloon be safe from combustion in passing through certain atmospheric conditions where the electricity of the clouds is to be con sidered.

dertaking of this kind, with so high a purpose in view as the elucidation of a perplexing problem in ærial science and ærial navigation, was there not a silk in place of an dil-soaked cotton balloon provided? I find that a silk balloon and everything necessary for the voyage could have been provided at an expense of \$12,000, or several thousands less than it is announced this cheap sensation cost, which is now lying in the Capitoline grounds. When Professor Wilse, with a chivalrous (some people would call it foolhardy) courage, signed the agreement by which he bound himself to under take this voyage and carry out the avowed purpose of a lifetime, it was not with the understand ing that his mission and his life should be wantonly imperilled. If he did not stipulate for a silk balloon he had every reason to suppose that those who made themselves (for their own interest) conspicuous champions of his design, would look a step further than the mere attainment of money and notoriety. In the course of my inspection o the balloon I met with Mr. Donaldson, one of the two aeronauts. He is a young man to whom this afair is the most agreeable pastime. Science and civilization are of little moment to this daring gymnast. If he is successful in having his name conspicuous for twenty-four hours in newspapers his highest ambition will abundantly gratified. To him it will all the same whether the current blows east or west. In fact, he expresses the wish that the cur rent may carry them in a westerly direction, that be seen of all men from here to Cincinnati. Then he has no objection if it be reversed and carry him to London, where he hopes to be properly appreciated. However this little mark of vanity, there is no gainsaying his gay and careless courage. Mr. Donaldson sald to me, in answer to the question it he thought the balloon was made of the proper material, and cost as much as was mentioned :-"A silk balloon and all the rest could have been

Now why, in the name of Providence, in an un-

had for less than \$15,000. This affair (pointing to the floundering bag inside the rope fence) cose only about \$4,000, including everything." "But," said I, "the advertisement announce

that nearly \$15,000 were expended on it." "Well, you know," he replied, "that's all in theway of business."
"Do you," I further inquired, "act in perfect

harmony with Professor Wise?"
"Yes," he answered; "we pull along together very well. He leaves everything to me, and I shall see the 'old man through all right. He is like a

child and wants a silk balloon, but I guess we will make a bigger sensation with the one we have." "Would you not," I wonderingly inquired of this dippant and reckless young man,

"prefer a balloon made of silk?"
"I am not particular," was his answer. "I once went up in a balloon made of paper."

Now however invaluable Mr. Donaldson may be

as a caterer to the sensation-loving masses of the people, I contend that an undertaking of this kind professing to have an object beyond the momentary gratification of a sight seeing and thoughtless crowd should be more soberly and seriously por

dered. He was pleased to inform me still jurther that Professor Wise had a difference with the managers of the enterprize; that he complained of being sold in the agreement and his plans sacrificed to gain a cheap expedient for a sensation. In other words, Professor Wise has been sacrificed as an advertise-

ment of a profitable speculation.

The public are long acquainted with Professor
Wise. They acknowledge his courage, integrity and scientific knowledge. He will not retreat from the project on which he has embarked. He will go on unfalteringly to the end; and though it is plain to see that he has been entrapped, that he is asked to encounter perils needlessly multiplied, he will not draw back. As he has said, he could not consistently back out of his position now, for no matter what excuse he might give his motives would be misconstrued. I am, however, of a different way of thinking, and I believe if Professor Wise, consulting his own interest, as the managers of this balloon have consulted theirs, withdrew from his contract he would forfeit no tittle of the esteem. in which he is field. Should such a catastrophe as many anticipate befall this project those who, through a selfish parsimony and an unholy striving for notoriety, drove Wise on his fatai mission should be held to a strict accountability.

HOMICIDE IN NEWARK.

HUMANITY.

Another Hackensack Bridge Affair-A Man Killed with a Blow of Another Man's Fist.

A very singular homicide took place in Newart yesterday afternoon. About half past three o'clock Frederick Schonewolf, who keeps a saloon in South Orange avenue and employs a number of drivers, called at the police station and de-livered himself up to the officer in charge, Lieutenant Kirwan, saying that he had cone wrong. After some pressing Schonewolf related the fact that he had probably killed a man.

related the fact that he had probably killed a man. He was locked up in a cell. At seven o'clock a Herald reporter proceeded to the scene of THE FATAL AFFRAY, a saloon kept by Anthony Webrie, corner of South Orange avenue and Norfolk street. Mr. Wenrie, his son Anthony and a contractor named Frank Carlin, quite a noted person, by the way, were present, and witnessed the occurrence. Young Webrie made the following statement:—Schonewolf and a driver in his employ named Jacob Ludle, also a German, got into an altercation in the saloon about a team of horses which Jacob had left at the wharf. He did so, he said, in obedience to instructions from Schonewolf's son, a mere boy. The latter and Jacob got into words at the wharf and vile epithets were exchanged. To the father Jacob said that he was sorry he had not thrown the boy overboard and drowned him, or words to that effect. This enraged the father. He hauled off, but did not strike. A second time he hauled off and SFRUCK JACOB

at a terrific blow on the neck under the left ear. Jacob iell and never spoke more. An hour afterwards, when a doctor, named Stekney, called, the man was dead. Schonewolf tried to rub him to life, but the last spark had fled from the terrible effects of this one blow with his fist. Then he gave himself up as above stated. Jacob was an elderly man with a grown up family. Schonewolf is thirty-seven years of age and owns considerable property. An inquest will be held to-day by Coroner Vreeland.

REAL ESTATE.

Further Canvassing of the Situation-The Status of the Money Market and How Real Estate Is Effected Thereby. The suggestions contained in these columns yesterday regarding landed property formed a fruit-

ful theme of comment in real estate circles during the day. The offerings in the auction mart being light, consisting only of a single piece of property, leit the habitues of the salesroom to discuss the general situation categorically and dogmatically, as is usual among habitues generally, who never fall to justify the old saw, in their own opinion, at least, that LOOKERS-ON SEE MOST OF THE GAME.

The burden of testimony, however, was in favor of its correctness, as reflecting the condition of the market as it now presents itself to observation. It is just one of expectation, buyer and seller in prospective alike holding off at the start to see which way the current of transactions is likely to set. Holders of property wisning to sell—that is, destrous to realize upon past investments—are, of course, waiting for a strong market to declare itself before they rush their offerings, while even anxious buyers confine themselves to inquiry as yet, in the hope of some yielding from the firmness now maintained later in the season. To help the solution of this vexed question

The CONDITION OF THE MONEY MARKET has been brought in as a determinate agency in this respect. Real estate is less sensitive to the changeful mometary situation than other species of property, and while liable to be affected seriously by any It is just one of expectation, buyer and seller in

erty, and while liable to be affected seriously by any great financial convulsion, and more permanently perhaps, certainly for a longer period, it overlooks MERE SPASMS OF ACTIVITY, the result of speculative manipulation or the special trade necessities that occur variously during the year. The most that would happen in the real testate market from such abnormal activity would be the delay on the part of some capitalists earning large interest on call to seek the more solid security, either in the way of loan or investment; but there is generally money enough offering on real estate that can seek no other investment to prevent anything like stringency in that market. The following was the only public sale yesterday:—

NEW YORK PROPERTY—BY A. B. REBERER, SON AND CO.

RODMAN NOT BAILED.

The Coming Treasurer-The Trust Com-

pany.

Marvin T. Rodman, the ex-Deputy City Treasurer. remains in the Raymond Street Jall, and all hope of obtaining bondsmen to go security for his appearance when wanted, in the sum of \$50,000, appears to have been hopelessly abandoned. The Grand Jury will to-day be placed in possession of Grand Jury will to-day be placed in possession of the papers in the case, when the wheels of justice will revolve, with what result time alone can tell. The resignation of Treasurer Cortland A. Sprague, which has been in the hands of the Mayor even since Saturday, will be presented at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen this evening. It will, of course, be gladly accepted by the City Fathers, and the name of ex-Alderman Tunningham, of the Fifteenth ward, will doubtless be sent in by the Mayor and readily confirmed by the Board. Mr. Couningham, who is a merchant, represented his ward for lour years, and was chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board. Mr. A. B. Martin, a member of the Board of Education, and resident of the Eighteenth ward, will be the probable successor of the late unfortunate Deputy Treasurer, Rodman.

President Ropes, of the much abused Trust Company, stated yesterday that the Willimantic bonds.

pany, stated yesterday that the Willimantic bonds, of which they hold \$225,000 worth, can be soid at 60. The Company loaned \$100,000 on the \$225,000 worth of Willimantic bonds as collateral. The loan of \$100,000 is covered to within \$15,000; hence the bonds cannot be worthloss.

TWO BOBBERS CAGED.

How Gold Watches Are Obtained in Houston Street.

On the night of the 6th instant, Mr. George Hening, of No. 71 avenue C, stepped into the liquor saloon No. 371 East Houston street and called for a glass of ale. While waiting for the beverage two men-Peter Keller and Joseph Smith-accosted him, and after talking a moment seized hold of his him, and after talking a moment seized hold of his watch chain and tore the watch from the pocket. A tussle cusued, during which Mr. Hening, assisted by the barkeepeer, recovered the timepiece. The two men instantly quitted the saloon, only to return again in a lew minutes with five roughs, who seized Hening and held him, while Smith for the second time relieved him of his watch and chain. After the men had loosened their hold on Hening Keller struck him on the head with a large wooden mallet, leiling him to the floor, where he lay for some time in an insensible condition. Yesterday Keller and Smith were arrested and arraigned at the Essex Market Police Court, where Justice Scott held them to answer at the Court of General Sessions in default of \$2,000 bail each.

Mr. Hening's watch and chain are valued at \$370.

WAS IT ANOTHER JERSEY MURDERS

The police authorities of Jersey City are again puzzled over the mysterious circumstances of the death of the laborer David Carroll, in his house on Priday. He was previously found insensible on Newark avenue, near Coles street, about one Newark avenue, near coles sircet, about one o'clock in the morning, and was thence conveyed to his boarding house, it being thought that he was suffering solely from drink, although there was a cut in his head. After his death the skull was examined, when it was found that deceased had sustained a fracture thereof, produced probably by a powerful blow with a club. The Coroner will take the case in hand and commence an investigation to-morrow.